

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 96  
(MC2019-173)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2019-195

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON  
POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO  
PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS & PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 96

(February 24, 2020)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to the Commission's Notice in this docket.<sup>1</sup> In that Order, the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 96.<sup>2</sup>

The Postal Service's Notice includes a certified statement as required by 39 C.F.R. § 3015.5, a public (redacted) version of the Amendment to Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 96, and supporting financial data estimating the contract value during the first year.

In Order No. 5182, the Commission approved the Postal Service's request to add a new product identified as Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 96 to the

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<sup>1</sup> PRC Notice Initiating Docket No. CP2016-195, February 19, 2020

<sup>2</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Amendment to First-Class Package Service Contract 96, with Portions Filed Under Seal. February 18, 2020. (Request).

Competitive Product List.<sup>3</sup> The instant amendment amends the terms of Sections I.B, I.C, and I.I, and adds Tables 1a and D to the contract. under this contract. *Attachment A, at 1.*

The effective date for the Amendment to Contract 96 is two (2) business days following the day on which the Commission issues all necessary regulatory approvals. , Notice at 1. The contract, as originally filed, was set to expire 3 years from its effective date, unless either party terminated the contract on 30 days' prior written notification, or other specific events.<sup>4</sup>

## COMMENTS

The Public Representative has reviewed the Postal Service's Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 96 and the financial data filed under seal with the Postal Service's Notice. Based upon that review, the Public Representative concludes that Contract 96 , as amended, should continue to generate sufficient revenues to cover costs and thereby satisfy 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a) and thus should be approved by the Commission.

Finally, the Postal Service must file revenue and cost data for Contract 96 in future Annual Compliance Reports. This data will permit the Commission to annually review the financial results for Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail for compliance with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a).

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<sup>3</sup> See Order No. 5182 Order Adding Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 96 to the Competitive Product List, Docket No. MC2019-173/CP2019-195, August 7, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> See Comments of the Public Representative in Docket No. MC2019-173/CP2019-195, August 1, 2019.

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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